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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aaJ*

RE: Site Inspection, John Fausett, Cedar Buttes #1, S/047/028, Uintah County, Utah

Inspection Date: August 21, 1991
Inspection Time: 11:15 a.m. - 13:00 p.m.
Conditions: Warm, sunny, clear
Participants: John Fausett, Operator; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the current status of the operation. The Division has no current concerns at this site with the operator. The last inspection for this operation was in April 1988. A group of students and faculty from the University of Utah were on site collecting bulk samples of the tar sands/asphalt; however, they played no part in this inspection.

The mine consists of a pit excavated into the side of the hill, a stockpile area, and a loadout area. The current mine plan is to continue excavating down into the deposit. The operator has no plans to enlarge the area of the pit at this time. A steep highwall at an angle greater than 60 degrees currently exists at the pit and Mr. Fausett indicated that the Division had granted a variance for the highwall some time ago.

Mine production is based on market demand and an agreement with the county. Mining activity is currently on an intermittent schedule; however, Mr. Fausett indicated that negotiations with Duchesne and Uintah county were in progress. Mr. Fausett thought if an agreement with the counties was reached that his operation would begin year round production.

The current disturbance at this site is estimated to be between 3 and 4 acres at this time. This includes all roads to the mine off of the ranch road. I requested a sketch or drawing of the current mine operation from Mr. Fausett for the Division

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He said that he would provide this sometime in the near future. I received the 1990 annual report for this operation from Mr. Fausett while at the site. Photographs were taken to document the status of the site.

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cc: John Fausett
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